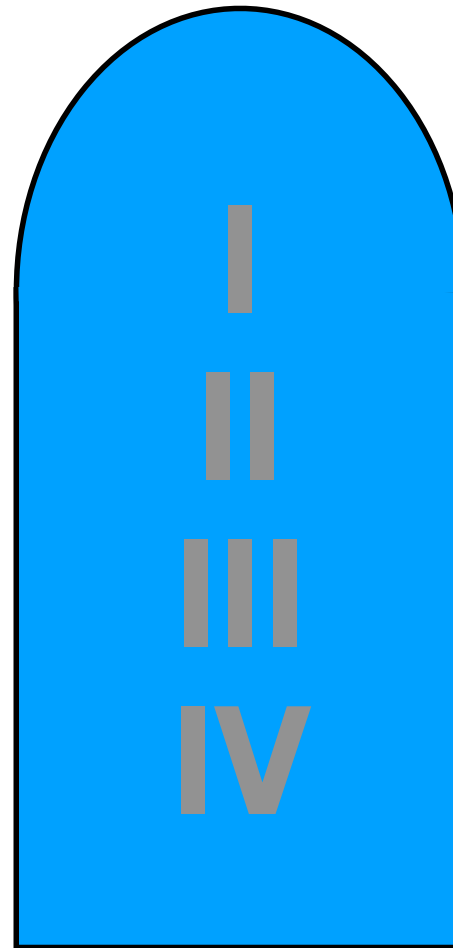
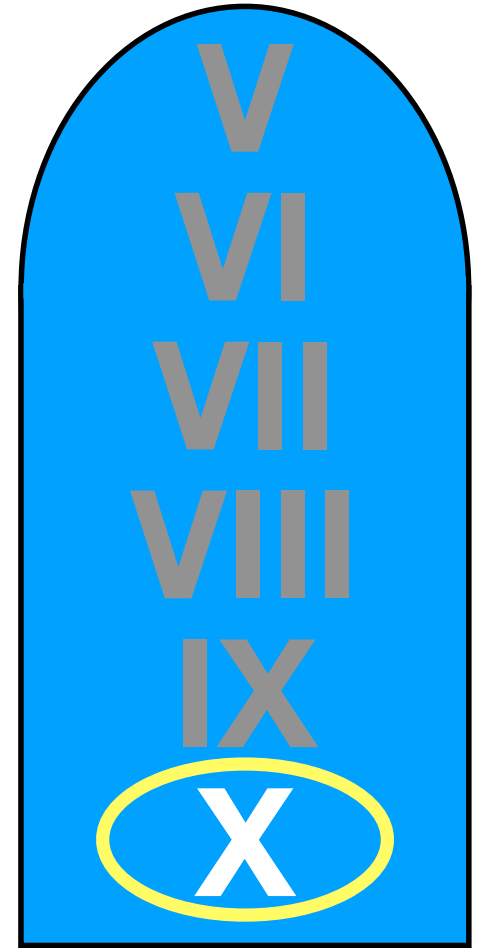


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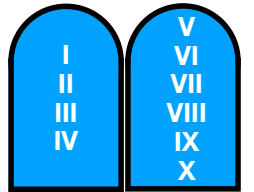
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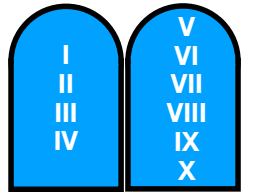
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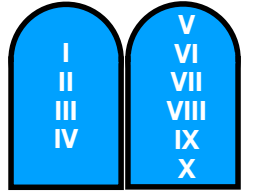
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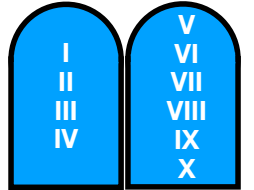
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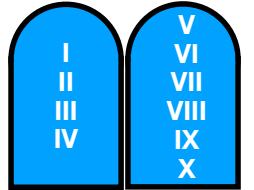
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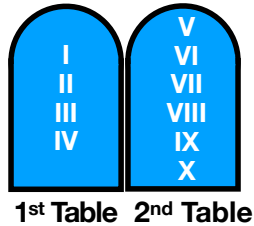
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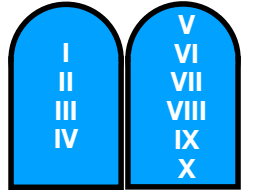
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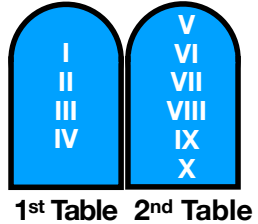


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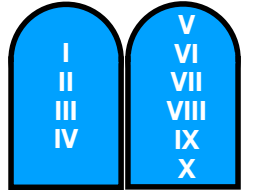


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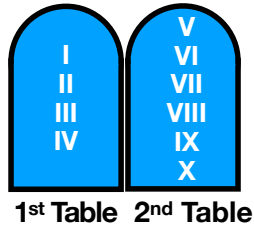
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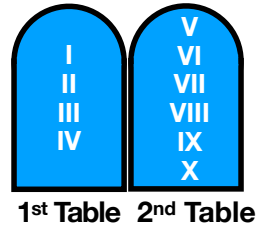
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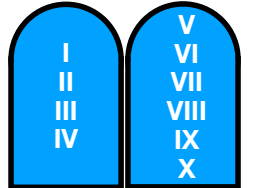
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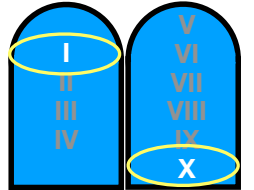


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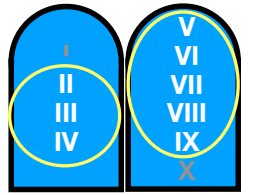
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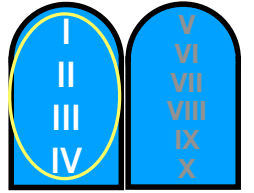
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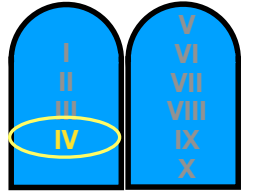
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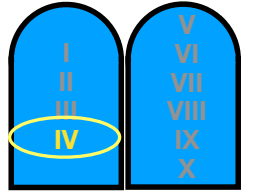


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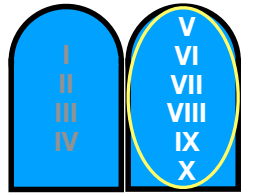
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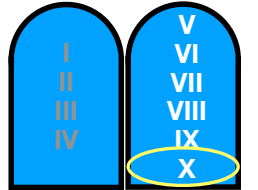
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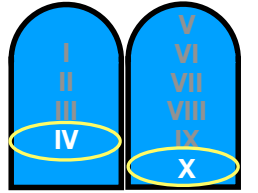
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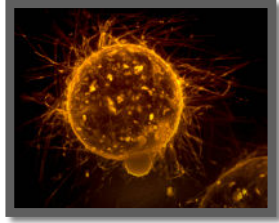


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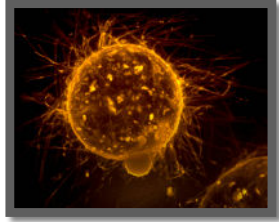


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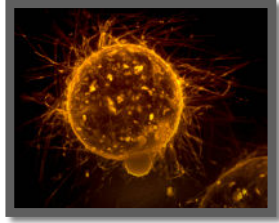


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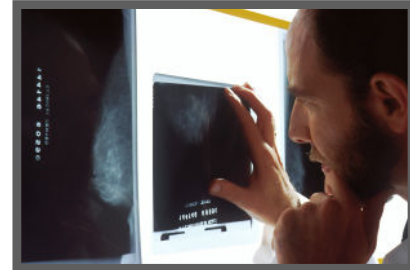
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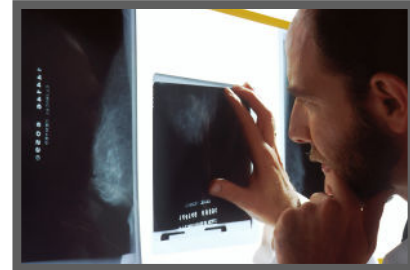


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- **Manifestation**—  
Jealousy, envy, adultery, lying, stealing, murder, etc

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**BBE** Your prayers and your offerings have come up to God, and he has kept them in mind.



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**Mal 3:10** Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

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**Ezek 33:31** And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.

# My Prayer

**Ps 119:36** Incline my heart to Your testimonies,  
and not to covetousness.